

William R. Shinn House
Columbus, Mansfield Township
Burlington County, New Jersey

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District of New Jersey

Historic American Buildings Survey
Seymour Williams, A.I.A., District Officer
133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

William R. Shinn House
Columbus, Mansfield Township
Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: William R. Shinn

Date of Erection: Latter half of the eighteenth
century

Architect:

Builder: John Atkinson

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction:

Foundation: stone

Exterior walls - sun baked clay blocks, one
story frame addition with outside chimney
of later date

Interior walls - lath plaster on studding

Chimneys - brick

Roof - gable, with dormers

Historical Data:

According to the records now deposited in the Secretary of State's Office at Trenton, John Butcher conveyed to John Atkinson by deed dated January 20, 1748, one hundred acres of land that was to be taken up in any part of the western division of the Province of New Jersey below the falls of the Delaware out of a tract of 625 acres that had been granted to John Butcher from the Council of Proprietors on April 9, 1737.

In the will of John Atkinson, above named, which was dated at Mansfield, October 8, 1801, his wife was devised among other things, "two rooms in the house where I now dwell or in my son William's house, whichever she may choose". It would seem from this that the builder of the house was John Atkinson and that he built it sometime after his purchase in 1748.

The house passed from John to his son Benjamin. The executors of Benjamin's estate sold to one of his six children, Clayton, in 1819. It remained in the Atkinson family until James Langstaff foreclosed a mortgage of \$2,000 about 1837 and the sheriff accordingly seized and conveyed the property to James T. White.

In 1859 the property was sold at public auction to the widow of James T. White. The next transfer is by the sheriff of Burlington County to Riley A. Shinn in 1863. The present owner acquired the property from Riley Shinn in 1936.

Bibliography:

Record of title searched in Secretary of State's Office in Trenton and Burlington County Clerk's Office at Mt. Holly.

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William R. Shinn House
Columbus, Mansfield Township
Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: William R. Shinn

Date of Erection: Later half of the eighteenth century

Architect:

Builder: John Atkinson

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone
stuccoed, one story frame
addition with outside
chimney of later date

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch with dormers

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the land and premises and "every of their appurtenances".

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A search of records in the Secretary of State's Office made by Robert W. Falcey

A search of records at Mt. Holly made by F. A. Eckhart

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